

Please add the following new claims:

--11. (New) A fuel injector, comprising:
an energizable actuator;
a valve-closure member configured to be moved by the actuator;
a secure valve seat configured to cooperate with the valve-closure member to open and close the valve;
a fuel outlet formed in a downstream spray-discharge region and by at least one outlet opening arranged downstream from the valve seat;
a dead volume formed downstream from the valve seat and upstream from the spray-discharge region having the at least one outlet opening; and
a device configured to accumulate combustion chamber gas having direct access to the dead volume provided in at least one component part bordering the dead volume.

Q1 12. (New) The fuel injector according to claim 11, wherein the device configured to accumulate combustion chamber gas is configured so that accumulated gas is not able to escape from a gas accumulation volume by buoyancy force.

13. (New) The fuel injector according to claim 11, wherein the device configured to accumulate combustion chamber gas includes a blind hole on one component part bordering the dead volume.

14. (New) The fuel injector according to claim 11, wherein the device configured to accumulate combustion chamber gas includes a plurality of blind holes on one component part bordering the dead volume.

15. (New) The fuel injector according to claim 13, wherein the blind hole is provided on a downstream needle end facing the outlet openings.

16. (New) The fuel injector according to claim 13, wherein the blind hole is formed on the valve-closure member on a surface facing the dead volume.